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MINUTES.

KINSTON, N. C., *April* 14, 1896.

The Albemarle Presbytery met according to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church, Kinston, N. C., on Tuesday, April 14, at 8:30 o'clock P. M.

A sermon was preached by the Moderator, Rev. Chas. M. Payne, D. D., from Rom. viii. 37, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

After the sermon the Presbytery was constituted with prayer, and the roll was called with the following result:

PRESENT.—*Ministers*.—W. D. Morton, D. D., F. H. Johnston, D. D., C. G. Vardell, F. D. Thomas, Eugene Daniel, D. D., J. E. Thacker, C. N. Wharton, F. W. Farries, W. T. Walker, R. W. Hines (3), C. M. Payne, D. D., John B. Morton, W. H. A. Williams—13.

Elders—J. R. Young, James Dinwiddie, Walter Bullock, Orren Williams, H. H. Wilson, H. E. Dillon (2), J. A. Webb—7.

Churches represented.—Henderson, Raleigh First, Nutbush, Tarboro, Kinston, La Grange, Oxford—7.

ABSENT.—Rev. L. A. McLaurin.

Twenty-three churches were not represented.

Rev. F. W. Farries was chosen Moderator, and Rev. F. D. Thomas with Elder W. Bullock were chosen temporary clerks.

The Rev. J. O. Guthrie, of the Eastern (N. C.) Conference, and the Rev. Mr. Greaves, of the Protestant Episcopal Church,

were introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to seats as visiting brethren.

The hours of business sessions were fixed at 9 A. M. to 12:30 P. M., 2:30 P. M. to recede at will, and 8:30 P. M. to adjourn at will. Divine service was ordered each day at 11 A. M. and each night at 8:30, except as provided for by standing order.

The Presbytery then adjourned at 10 P. M., with prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, *April 15*, 9 A. M.

The Presbytery met and was opened with devotional exercises.

The reading of the minutes of the last stated meeting was dispensed with.

The Clerk read the minutes of the special meeting, held in Washington, January 30, as follows:

“WASHINGTON, N. C., *January 30*.

“The Presbytery of Albemarle, met pursuant to a call of the Moderator, in Washington this day, January 30, 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M.

“The meeting was held in the study of the Rev. C. M. Payne, D. D., the following members being present, viz.: Rev. C. M. Payne, D. D., Moderator; Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., and Rev. R. W. Hines, with Mr. Jas. L. Fowle, Ruling Elder of the Washington Church.

“The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer, and the call of the Moderator was read, viz.:

““WASHINGTON, N. C., *January 20*, 1896.

““The *Book of Church Order*, Section 4, Paragraph 79, being complied with, I call a meeting of Presbytery at Wash-

ington, January 30, at 10 A. M., to ordain Licentiate W. H. A. Williams, if the way be clear.

“(Signed), C. M. PAYNE,
“*‘Moderator Albemarle Presbytery.’*”

“Whereupon Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Mr. Williams with a view to ordination, and the examination on experimental religion, conducted by the Moderator, was sustained as satisfactory.

“Genesis xlii. 36 was assigned as the text for the candidate’s trial sermon.

“Mr. Williams was examined on the Sacraments and on Church Government and Discipline, and his examination on all these topics was sustained.

“The candidate then delivered a sermon on Genesis xlii. 36, which was approved.

“In view of the fact that the candidate had passed an exceedingly thorough and satisfactory examination in theology and church history just two months since, on the occasion of his licensure by a commission of the Presbytery, it was agreed to pass over those subjects at this time. Also, in view of the fact that the candidate had never studied the languages, he was excused from examination in Greek and Hebrew, under *Book of Church Order*, Chapter 4, Paragraph 134; the candidate’s trials as a whole were then sustained.

“On a motion to proceed to the ordination of the candidate, which was adopted, the following order was taken:

“Meet at the Knox Church this evening at 7:30, the Moderator preside, propound the questions and offer the ordaining prayer; Rev. R. W. Hines preach a sermon, and Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., deliver a charge to the evangelist.

“Recess was taken until 7:30 P. M.

“After recess, and after a sermon by Rev. R. W. Hines, the candidate, W. H. A. Williams, was solemnly ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry as an evangelist by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery after the apostolic example, after which the Rev. Dr. Johnston delivered the charge to the evangelist.

“On motion, Mr. Williams was then enrolled as a member of Albemarle Presbytery.

“The business finished, the minutes were read and approved, and Presbytery adjourned.

“Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

“C. M. PAYNE, *Moderator*.

“Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk*.”

The commission appointed at Greenville to organize a colored Presbyterian Church at Washington made the following report, which was received and approved, viz.:

“WASHINGTON, N. C., *November* 20, 1895.

“The commission appointed for the purpose of organizing a colored church in Washington, and of licensing a candidate, if the way be clear, met in the study of the pastor of the Washington Church at 10 o'clock this morning by previous agreement. Every member of the commission was present, viz.: Rev. Dr. Johnston, chairman, Rev. Dr. Payne, Rev. Mr. Hines, and Elder Jas. L. Fowle, of the Washington Church. The meeting was opened with prayer by the chairman, and Mr. Hines acted as clerk.

“The clerk read an extract from the minutes of the Presbytery appointing the commission, and defining its work; he also read a certificate of the dismissal of W. H. A. Williams, candidate of the Mecklenburg Presbytery, to the care of the Presbytery of Albemarle. This paper being found in order, Mr. Williams was received as a candidate under the care of this Presbytery.

“Mr. Williams was examined carefully on experimental religion, and his motives for seeking the gospel ministry; on his literary attainments in geography, grammar, spelling, history, mathematics; on theology, church history, church government, the sacraments; and his examination on all these subjects was sustained as satisfactory. Ordered that the trial sermon of the candidate, on the text, Luke xv. 18, be heard at 11 o'clock to-morrow in the Graded School building.

“Recess was taken until after divine service at the colored church.

“After recess, and after a sermon by Dr. Johnston, the chairman announced the commission to be in session, and explained the purpose of the meeting to be the organization of a church of colored people here of the Presbyterian faith and order, if deemed advisable. Names were called for, and eight persons, five of them males, presented themselves. Three of them were received by certificate, and five after examination. These people were then organized and declared a church of Christ after the manner and form set forth in the *Form of Government*. The “Knox Presbyterian Church,” was chosen by vote as the name of the new organization. J. A. Kimmel and Jesse Holladay were then elected elders, and Riddick Bridges, deacon.

“The commission then adjourned with prayer until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

“THURSDAY, *November 21.*

“The commission met with the Knox Church in the Graded School building, and heard, after devotional services, the trial sermon of the candidate, which was sustained as part of trial. His examinations and critical exercises were then sustained as a whole, and his licensure ordered for to-night after sermon. One person was presented for admission to the church, who was examined and baptized. The elders and

deacon-elect signified their acceptance of office, and it was ordered that they be ordained and installed to-night.

“Recess until 7:30 P. M.

“After recess, and after sermon by Mr. Hines, the commission came to order.

“Mr. Williams was licensed after the form prescribed in *Book of Church Order*, and a copy of the Holy Scriptures presented to him in the name of the Presbytery.

“The officers-elect were then ordained and installed, after their duties and responsibilities had been set forth.

“Their work being done, the minutes were read and approved, and the commission adjourned with prayer.

“(Signed), F. H. JOHNSTON, *Chairman*,
 “C. M. PAYNE,
 “R. W. HINES,
 “JAS. L. FOWLE,
 Commission.”

The name of the Knox Church was then, on motion, enrolled with the other churches of the Presbytery.

This church (Knox) requested to be transferred to the care of the Cape Fear Presbytery of the Northern Assembly. After full and earnest discussion of the subject the request was granted, and the church, as a whole, granted a letter of transfer to the aforesaid Presbytery.

Rev Mr. Williams also requested and obtained a letter of dismission to the Cape Fear Presbytery.

Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., and Rev. W. T. Walker were appointed a committee to draft a minute, to be submitted to Presbytery for adoption, setting forth the reasons for the above action.

The Rev. Messrs. Farries and Thomas were excused for absence from the last meeting of Presbytery at Greenville.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees, viz.:

1. *Narrative*.—Rev. E. Daniel and Mr. J. A. Webb.
2. *Minutes of Synod*.—Rev. W. D. Morton and Mr. J. Dinwiddie.
3. *Systematic Benevolence*.—Rev. F. D. Thomas and Mr. J. R. Young.
4. *Sessional Duties*.—Rev. C. M. Payne and Mr. O. Williams.
5. *Statistical Report*.—Rev. F. H. Johnston and Mr. J. Dinwiddie.
6. *Sessional Records*.—(a), Rev. C. N. Wharton and Mr. W. Bullock; (b), Rev. J. B. Morton and Mr. J. A. Webb.
7. *Treasurer's Accounts*.—Rev. W. T. Walker and Mr. J. R. Young.
8. *Culls and Supplies*.—Rev. W. D. Morton and Mr. J. Dinwiddie.
9. *Devotional Exercises*.—Rev. C. G. Vardell and Mr. H. H. Wilson.

The Rev. L. A. McLaurin was, at his own request, dismissed to the Presbytery of Concord.

A petition signed by certain members of the Nutbush Church, praying to be organized into a church, was read and received, and, on motion, a commission consisting of W. T. Walker, W. D. Morton, C. N. Wharton, and Walter Bullock, was appointed to organize the church as requested, if the way be clear.

The report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the committee on that subject, also the accounts of the Executive Committee of Home Missions. (Appendix II.)

Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., and Rev. F. W. Farries were nominated as commissioners to the General Assembly, also

Ruling Elders J. R. Young, L. H. Carter, and J. A. Webb.

Rev. J. E. Thacker requested the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation between himself and the church at Oxford.

On motion, this request was granted and the relation was dissolved, the commissioner from the church, Mr. Webb, having certified to the consent of the church and congregation to the dissolution. Mr. Thacker also requested and obtained a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Louisville, and leave of absence was granted him after to-night's session.

Rev. Dr. C. M. Payne and Rev. C. N. Wharton were appointed to draft a minute for adoption by Presbytery, expressive of its regard for Mr. Thacker, and regret at parting with him.

Presbytery then took recess until after divine service.

After recess, the Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report, which was received.

On motion, Presbytery reconsidered its action last year in criticising the Henderson Church session book, and referred the criticism to the Standing Committee (*b*) on Sessional Records for a report. Rev. R. W. Hines was added to this committee.

The committee to draft a minute touching Rev. J. E. Thacker reported as follows, and the report was adopted, viz. :

"Whereas in the providence of God we are called upon to part with our brother, J. E. Thacker, be it

"*Resolved*, That the Presbytery of Albemarle express their deep regret in losing him from their number; that we commend him as a faithful expounder of God's word, and a cheerful and faithful pastor, and we pray God's blessing to rest upon him in his new field of labor."

The Committee on Calls and Supplies made report recommending that the request of the Nutbush Church to be allowed to pay their pastor \$275, instead of \$300 as heretofore, be granted; recommending also that a call of the church at Tarboro for the pastoral services of the Rev. J. B. Morton, having been found in order, be placed in his hands. The report was received and the recommendations adopted.

Mr. Morton having signified his acceptance of the call from the Tarboro Church, the Rev. Drs. Morton and Payne were appointed a committee to install him pastor at a time convenient to them.

The report of sessions on the state of religion were then read, and referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

Mr. H. E. Dillon, ruling elder of La Grange Church, reported himself, made excuse for tardiness, and was enrolled.

The missionary supplies appointed at the last meeting reported duty performed as follows: Revs. W. D. Morton, Vardell, Walker, and Hines. Those who reported duty not performed, and were excused: Revs. Thomas, Thacker, Wharton, Payne, Farries, and Johnston.

Geneva Church, in Granville county, was chosen as the place of the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery took recess until 8:30 P. M.

After recess, the Presbytery met and held, according to standing order, a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions. After appropriate devotional services, the reports of the Evangelists Johnston, Thomas, Wharton, and Walker were heard. The report of Evangelist Hines was read by the chairman, Rev. Dr. Morton. These reports were all received and followed by a report (in part) of the Executive Committee of Home Missions through its chairman, after which an address was made on the general subject by Rev. J. E. Thacker. It was made the order of the day for 10

A. M., to-morrow to hear the business part of the Home Mission report.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, *April 16, 9 A. M.*

The Presbytery met and spent fifteen minutes in devotional exercises.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected, and approved.

The Committee (*a*) on Sessional Records made a report which was approved.

The committee appointed to bring in a minute regarding the action in regard to the transfer of the Knox colored church reported as follows, and the report was adopted, viz.:

“Resolved, That the Presbytery of Albemarle in dismissing the Rev. W. H. A. Williams, and transferring the Knox Presbyterian Church (colored) to the Presbytery of Cape Fear, does not in any spirit of carelessness regarding the religious condition of the colored people take this step, but is moved thereto by a stern sense of duty in the premises. *First*, This action was requested both by Mr. Williams and the Knox congregation. *Second*, The Presbytery itself, young and comparatively weak, is much pressed to keep up with the mission work opened among our white population, and sees no means of maintaining this minister and his church. *Third*, The Presbytery of Cape Fear expressed its willingness to undertake the support of this church and of its minister, Rev. Mr. Williams.”

The Presbytery of Albemarle would, in connection with this resolution, also respectfully inform the Central Com-

mittee of Colored Evangelization at Birmingham, Ala., that this step has been taken under financial constraint, and argues no diminution of our interest in the general work of our church in this important sphere of Christian benevolence.

The reading of the report of the Committee of Home Missions was resumed as the order of the day, and finished. After some discussion the report was recommitted, and Presbytery took recess until after divine service.

After recess, the Agent of Education made his report, which was received and the recommendations adopted, viz.:

“1. That the name of Candidate John L. Hale be dropped without censure from the roll of candidates.

“2. That the Treasurer retain all moneys now in hand for this fund, and to come in hereafter, until otherwise directed.”

The Committee (*b*) on Sessional Records made its report, and pending consideration the Presbytery took recess until 2:30 o'clock.

After recess, the report of the Committee (*b*) on Sessional Records was resumed and finished, and finally approved.

Rev. Dr. Morton and Elder O. Williams were excused from further attendance after to-night.

The Committee on Treasurer's Account made a report, which was received and approved. This report is as follows:

“Your Committee on Treasurer's Books and Accounts would respectfully report:

“1. That we have carefully audited the accounts and books of Mr. J. B. Gary, your Treasurer, as well as examined his vouchers, and find the same correct, and the balance as shown in his report.

“2. That we have audited the account of Dr. Morton, your Treasurer of Home Missions, and examined his vouchers,

and find the same correct and a balance of \$15.37 in his hands.

“3. Your committee would call special attention to the condition of the Presbyterial Fund.

Your Treasurer's report shows balance in hand of	\$	26	28
To which may be added amount since collected and in sight, ...		57	00
Total, ...	\$	83	28
Amount due on apportionment of 1895, ...	\$	125	50
Amount due on apportionment for coming year, ...		281	00
		406	50
Total, ...	\$	489	78
Amount now due from this fund, ...	\$	174	50
Amount to come from it the coming year, ...		272	50
	\$	447	00

“Thus it is shown that on this fund there is a demand of \$272.50, and an assessment of \$281, leaving a margin of only \$8.50. The demands on this fund must be met, and should be met promptly, and yet this report shows that the churches have not paid on the average 48 per cent. of the apportionment. Some of our largest and strongest churches are shown to have paid nothing on this fund.

“Respectfully submitted,

“W. T. WALKER,
“J. R. YOUNG,
“*Committee.*”

In view of this report respecting the condition of the Presbyterial Fund, it was ordered that hereafter the Presbyterial assessment be due on the *first* day of June annually, and that the roll be called at the fall meeting to discover delinquents; and that the delinquents be required to show cause for such condition; and that the Treasurer of Presbytery be required to notify all churches of this action, and to

urge upon them that are now delinquent to make up present deficiencies.

The report of the Committee of Home Missions which had been recommitted was again reported and its recommendations adopted. (Appendix, I.)

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod reported, calling attention to various recommendations of that body, and recommending that

“First, Our pastors and evangelists seek to establish parochial schools wherever it is practicable.

“Second, That collections for Indian schools be raised in our Sabbath-schools on the fifth Sundays of the year.”

These recommendations were adopted.

Tuesday, October 20, at 7 o'clock P. M. was the time chosen for the next stated meeting.

The committee to examine reports of Sessions on Sessional Duties made a report, which was received, and the Stated Clerk was directed to endorse the judgment of Presbytery on each report and return it to the Session.

Rev. C. M. Payne, D. D., was excused from further attendance after to-night.

The report of the Committee on Assessments and Apportionments was read, received, amended, and adopted. (See Appendix III.)

The committee to prepare a report on Systematic Benevolence made a report, which was received, approved, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

Presbytery held an election for Commissioners to the General Assembly, which resulted as follows: Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., was chosen commissioner, with Rev. F. W. Farries as alternate. Mr. J. R. Young was chosen commissioner, with Mr. J. A. Webb as his alternate.

The agent of Sabbath-schools, Rev. C. G. Vardell, presented a report on that subject, which was received and approved, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. (See Appendix IV.)

In view of the importance of Sunday-school conventions, Presbytery instructed its pastors to see that one collection annually in June be taken up for the purpose of defraying the expenses of this work.

The Stated Clerk presented and read the annual statistical report of the Presbytery to the General Assembly, which was read and adopted and ordered to be forwarded. (See Appendix V.)

The Committee on Calls and Supplies recommended the following list of missionary supplies for the next six months, which recommendation was adopted, viz.:

“At Grassy Creek, one Sabbath each, Rev. Messrs. Daniel and Hines; at Louisburg, Rev. Messrs. Thomas and Walker; at Roanoke Rapids, Rev. Messrs. Wharton, Hines, and J. B. Morton; at Dover, Rev. Mr. Farries; at Greenville, Rev. Mr. Payne; at Plymouth, Rev. Mr. Johnston; at Kinston, Rev. Mr. Vardell; at Enterprise, Rev. W. D. Morton.”

The Committee on the Narrative made the following report, which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly and the Synod:

“The Committee on the Narrative, after careful examination of the papers placed within its hands, would report as follows:

“1. Sabbath services have been regularly maintained, with good attendance generally reported. It is especially gratifying to notice that the elders in so many instances conduct services in the absence of a pastor.

“2. The pastors and elders are usually reported as faithful in their official work and visitation.

"3. The Sabbath, as far as we can learn, is generally well observed.

"4. Family worship is maintained in the homes of the officers of the church, and also of some of the members, but in some churches regret is expressed that in so many households of members there is no family altar.

"5. As to worldly amusements, the churches are generally reported as free from indulgences of this kind. The Presbytery notes with sorrow that numerous cases of intemperance have arisen, and especially commend sessions that have been faithful in the administration of discipline in such instances.

"6. The monthly concert of prayer for missions has not been observed to any great extent. Sabbath-school work and work in Bible classes seems to be carried on with very encouraging success.

"7. The churches for the greater part have had a goodly number of accessions to membership. This is especially true of those churches ministered to by our evangelists.

"8. As a rule, contributions have been made to the causes of the church; religious newspapers are generally taken, especially the *North Carolina Presbyterian* and the *Christian Observer*. But there is almost universal statement that no work is being done among the colored people."

Presbytery then took recess till 8:30 P. M.

AFTER RECESS, 8:30 P. M.

Presbytery met, and after divine service the Agent of Sabbath Observance, Rev. C. N. Wharton, made a report, which was approved and directed to be forwarded to Rev. Dr. Jas. Stacy, Chairman of the General Assembly's Committee on that subject.

The Rev. R. W. Hines appeared, and, after excuses for late attendance, was enrolled.

The Agent for the Bible Cause, Rev. F. D. Thomas, made a report, showing that six churches had contributed \$35.13 to this object, and recommending that the attention of churches be called to the facts in the case, and that those who have been delinquent hitherto be urged to contribute to this cause. The report was adopted.

The commission appointed at the adjourned meeting in Fayetteville, N. C., during Synod, to visit the Nahalah Church at its request, and redress certain evils, made its report, which was received and admitted to record, as follows :

“NOVEMBER 11, 1895.

“The commission appointed by Albemarle Presbytery to investigate reports against Dr. M. T. Savage and Miss Harriet Lewis, consisting of Rev. J. B. Morton, Rev. Dr. C. M. Payne, Rev. R. W. Hines, and F. S. Royster, met in Nahalah Church on Monday, November 11, at 11:30 A. M. All being present, the commission was called to order by Rev. J. B. Morton, after prayer Presbytery proceeded to investigate said rumors. Dr. Payne suggested that a conference be held with Dr. Savage before entering into actual process of a trial. After a deliberate conference with him and the members of the church, it was agreed that Dr. Savage tender his resignation as ruling elder in the church. He, however, denies that he has been guilty of immoral conduct, which had brought reproach upon the church, but for the sake of preserving the peace and unity of the church he offers his resignation, and is willing to take the place of a private member, and promises to do all in his power to prevent any further scandal, and will remove his place of abode, and by God's help live a consistent Christian life in the future so as to avoid even the appearance of evil. His resignation was accepted.

“Miss Harriet Lewis having declined to appear before the

commission was cited again to appear before the Nahalah Church session on Sunday, December 8, at 12:15 o'clock, immediately after the morning service.

"There being no further business, after prayer by Dr. Payne the commission adjourned.

"F. S. ROYSTER, *Secretary.*"

No. 2.

"The commission of Presbytery appointed to visit Nahalah Church and redress its grievances would respectfully report that they have so undertaken to do. (See record of meeting above.)

"Your commission has dropped from its roll of elders of said church the name of M. T. Savage, M. D., he consenting thereto for the promotion of harmony, though maintaining his innocence as to the rumors touching his moral character.

"As to the case of Miss Harriet Lewis, the other party to the grievances which we were sent to redress, after declining the second citation, the session was directed to suspend her from sealing ordinances for her contumacy, and to make this action public. (See *Book of Church Order*, Art. 193.)

"Miss Lewis, all the while, has maintained her innocence in letters to the chairman and others of the commission.

"Respectfully submitted,

"JNO. B. MORTON, *Chairman.*"

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote :

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Presbytery are hereby cordially tendered to the members of this church, and other Christian homes in this place, for their kind hospitality extended to the Presbytery on this occasion; also for the courtesies shown by the sister churches of the town in the tender of their pulpits, and to the railway authorities for the usual reduced fares granted to delegates to this meeting.

"That the resolution be read from this pulpit on Sabbath morning, and offered for publication in the town papers."

Messrs. Daniel, Wharton, Walker, Young, Bullock, and Webb were excused from further attendance after to-night's session.

The following overture to the General Assembly was adopted:

"The Presbytery of Albemarle does respectfully overture our General Assembly to meet at Memphis, to take into consideration what steps shall be taken to increase the efficiency of the colored evangelistic work in our church."

The Presbytery then adjourned with prayer, to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, *April 17.*

The Presbytery was called to order, and opened with prayer and devotional exercises by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee (b) on Sessional Records made a supplemental report, which was approved.

On motion, the Home Missions Committee was requested to take steps to secure a parochial school at Parmele.

The Stated Clerk was directed to get out the minutes in printed form as soon as possible.

The Presbytery, after reading and approval of minutes, adjourned to meet at Geneva Church, October 20 (Tuesday) at 7 P. M.

Closed with prayer, singing and the apostolic benediction.

(Signed)

F. D. THOMAS,

WALTER BULLOCK,

Temporary Clerks.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX

I. REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF HOME MISSIONS.

(STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL, &c.)

We will report as a partial exhibit of the results of the work done within the past year—

Evangelists at work in our various fields, ...	10
Number of services held, ...	860
Added to church by certificate, ...	31
Added to church by examination and confession, . . .	54
Number of confessions of faith of people not received into our church, ...	53
Total confessions of faith, ...	107

The churches have contributed as follows:

To Presbyterial Home Missions, ...	\$527 36
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Received from Synodical Home Missions—

From Rev. Wm. Black, Treasurer, ...	900 00
From Rev. E. Daniel, for colportage and mission work, . . .	75 00
Balance on hand last year, April 13, ...	91 61

\$1,593 97

Paid salaries as follows:

For Elizabeth City field, ...	\$325 00
For Parmele, Greenville, Dora and Nahalah, ...	386 00
To M. McLaughlin, aiding in this field, ...	143 94
For Oak Hill, Shiloh and Enterprise, ...	116 66
For Geneva and Littleton, ...	38 00
For Louisburg, ...	35 00
For Rocky Mount and LaGrange, ...	234 00
For Wilson and Strickland, ...	162 50
For Olivet and Falkland, ...	40 00
Arrears to Rev. Mr. Summerell, ...	42 50
Arrears to Rev. Mr. Winecoff, ...	65 00

\$1,588 60

Balance on hand, ...	<u>5 37</u>
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The churches have contributed to Synod:

Home Missions, ...	\$373 60
To General Assembly's Home Missions, ...	158 84

The collections for church erection were \$86.14, and disbursed as follows:

To Parmele (special), ...	\$41 65
To Greenville, ...	14 97
To LaGrange, ...	16 14
To Warrenton, ...	4 00
To Shiloh (special), ...	5 00
To Aurora, ...	4 38
To Presbyterian Home Missions, as above, ...	\$ 86 14 527 36

Total contributions, ...	<u>\$1,145 94</u>
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Our total receipts have been—

From Synodical Home Missions, ...	\$900 00
From Presbyterian and Colportage, ...	602 36
From Church Erection, ...	86 14
From Invalid Fund, ...	127 00

\$1,715 50

Balance on hand April 13, 1895.	91 61
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\$1,807 11

Paid out salaries, ...	\$1,588 60
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Paid out Church Erection, ...	86 14
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Paid Beneficiaries Invalid Fund, ...	127 00
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\$1,801 74

Balance on hand, ...	<u>5 37</u>
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Your committee, in view of the great deficiency in the contributions of some of the churches, recommend "That our churches from Home Mission societies to forward the cause of Home Missions in their congregations."

SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

Under the efficient superintendence of Rev. Wm. Black this branch of the work is fruitful of good to our Presbytery. The Treasurer has not paid the amount expected from this fund last year by the sum of \$350, and our work has been straitened from this cause. The state of the treasury did not admit of his doing more, yet he had added to this his invaluable labors in aiding our

weak churches, and as our Presbytery draws so largely from this fund, it behooves us to use our utmost endeavors to sustain it with our contributions. We will call attention to the recommendation of Synod, that the Presbytery of Albemarle endeavor to raise \$500 for this cause next year. The first collection is in June, the second in September.

The cause of General Assembly's Home Missions is one which appeals particularly to our disinterested benevolence. We should remember the extreme necessities of the large and destitute element of our people in the Southern and Western States, and be more ready in our response to their demands. Our churches are reported as doing less than usual for this cause, and less than one-half of the apportionments; but \$158.84 have been realized.

INVALID FUND.

This fund has been fairly well sustained by our churches, yet we have reason to consider its sacred claims with more fidelity. We have applied for the amount of \$175 for three deserving beneficiaries, and have received only \$127. The appropriations were all scaled on account of the needy condition of the central treasury, and our worthy beneficiaries have been disappointed. Let us turn our attention to the necessities of this cause, and imbue our people with the conviction that our poor and infirm beneficiaries are trusts committed to the care of the church by our fathers in the ministry, and let us cheerfully do our utmost to place them beyond the grasp of penury.

The Presbytery has reason to be profoundly grateful to God for a legacy of some \$2,000, placed at the disposal of your venerable body by the kindness of the lamented Mrs. Edmund Reade, of Raleigh. We take this as indeed a gift of God granted us in our time of need, and should praise his holy name, for "his goodness endureth for ever." The legacy is granted especially in the interest of church erection, and though the delays in settling the estate may defer its availability for one year, your committee has decided to make certain offers in the premises upon the following conditions: 1st, That if the LaGrange Church can raise the money on this pledge, the committee agrees to turn over, when the money

becomes available, provided the church will resume the support of their minister, at present Rev. F. D. Thomas, the sum of \$461, the debt now due on their church building; 2d, Upon the same conditions to the church at Greenville a sum not exceeding \$150; 3d, Upon like conditions to the Kinston Church the sum of \$300, it being understood that these sums, when granted, are to free the said buildings from indebtedness.

The committee recommends the following grouping of churches:

1. ELIZABETH CITY FIELD—With Cann Memorial, Mackey's Ferry and Aurora churches—Rev. F. H. Johnston. The field to raise \$350; Presbytery to pay \$350—\$700.
2. NAHALAH FIELD—With Nahalah, Roanoke and Parmele churches and Everett's Mission—Rev. R. W. Hines. Field, \$250; Presbytery, \$400—\$650.
3. WILSON FIELD—With Wilson and Strickland churches—Rev. Jas. Thomas. Field, \$350; Presbytery, \$350—\$700.
4. GRANVILLE FIELD—With Nutbush, Oak Hill, Shiloh churches and Enterprise Mission—Rev. W. T. Walker. Field, \$540; Presbytery, \$100 - \$640.
5. WARRENTON FIELD—With Warrenton, Geneva, Littleton churches—Rev. C. N. Wharton. Field, \$625; Presbytery, \$50—\$675.
6. ROCKY MOUNT AND LA GRANGE CHURCHES—Rev. F. D. Thomas. The churches, \$675; Presbytery, \$100—\$775.
7. KINSTON GROUP—Churches of Kinston, Greenville and Dover.—Licentiate E. D. Brown. The churches, \$375; Presbytery, \$275—\$650.
8. FALKLAND AND OLIVET CHURCHES—Rev. J. B. Morton. The churches, \$75; Presbytery, \$50—\$125.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. MORTON, *Chairman.*

II. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Covering seven months—September 1, 1895, to April 1, 1896.

Balance on hand September 1, 1895, ...	\$	93	10
Amount receipts from churches, ...			1,717 42
Disbursements, ...	\$	1,650	95
Balance on hand account of Foreign Missions, ...		12	00
General Assembly's Home Missions, ...		40	00
Synodical Home Missions, ...		1	62
Presbyterial Home Missions, ...		16	14
Education Fund, ...		1	74
Publication, ...		47	78
Orphans' Home, ...		4	08
Presbyterial Fund, ...		26	28
Indian Missions, ...		7	07
N. W. A. and I. School, ...		1	86
	\$	1,810	52
	\$	1,810	52

ACCOUNT WITH THE PRESBYTERIAL FUND.

1895.	DR.		
Sept. 1. To balance on hand, ...		\$	10 12
1896.			
April 1. To amount from churches, ...			83 21
			\$93 33
	CR.		
By amount sent to Rev. F. H. Johnston for printing, ...		\$	3 55
By amount paid Rev. Vardell, expenses to General Assembly, ...			15 00
By amount paid for postage and stationery, ...			2 50
By amount remitted to F. H. Johnston, on account, ...			11 00
By amount paid Rev. W. D. Morton for postage, etc., ...			5 00
By amount paid in full of Mr. Vardell's expenses to General Assembly, ...			30 00
			\$67 05
Balance on hand April 1, 1896, ...			
			\$26 28

I. B. GARY, *Treasurer.*

III. TABLE OF ASSESSMENTS AND APPORTIONMENTS.

(REVISED TO DATE.)

CHURCHES.	Presby'l Fund.	Gen. Ass'y Home Missions.	Synod. Home Missions.	Presby'l Home Missions.	Foreign Miss.	Education.	Ch. and Christian Education.	Invalid Fund.	Publication.	Col'd Evang'listic.
Aurora, ...	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	50c.	\$1	\$1	\$1
Cann Memorial, . .	8	2	8	5	12	8	\$2	3	4	2
Dover, ...	2	1	5	4	1	1	50c.	2	1	1
Falkland, ...	2	1	4	2	1	2	50c.	2	1	1
Geneva, ...	8	4	10	18	15	10	\$2	5	5	4
Goldsboro, ...	25	25	45	40	50	30	6	12	20	20
Grassy Creek, . . .	5	1	5	8	7	5	1.50	5	4	3
Greenville, ...	2	1	3	2	1	2	50c.	1	1	1
Henderson, ...	20	25	35	60	75	35	\$8	16	20	15
Kinston, ...	4	1	6	4	2	1	1	2	1	2
La Grange, ...	5	1	5	4	5	3	1	3	2	3
Littleton, ...	4	2	4	8	8	5	3	6	4	4
Louisburg, ...	1	1	2	1	1	1	25c.	1	1	1
Mackey's Ferry, . .	1	1	2	1	1	1	25c.	1	1	1
Nahalal, ...	4	2	4	8	8	6	1.50	4	2	2
Newbern, ...	30	25	60	80	100	40	10	16	20	22
Nutbush, ...	8	3	8	20	15	10	2	6	5	4
Oak Hill, ...	5	4	12	12	10	8	1.50	5	4	3
Olivet, ...	2	1	3	3	1	2	50c.	1	1	2
Oxford, ...	10	5	15	30	25	15	\$5	10	12	6
Parmelee, ...	1	1	2	4	1	1	50c.	2	1	1
Raleigh, ...	46	50	110	130	325	75	\$18	42	35	30
Roanoke, ...	1	1	2	2	1	1	25c.	1	1	1
Rocky Mount, . . .	12	4	12	15	12	6	\$3	8	5	6
Shiloh, ...	3	1	3	5	7	3	1.50	3	3	2
Strickland, ...	1	1	1	1	1	1	25c.	1	1	1
Tarboro, ...	20	10	30	35	40	20	\$5	10	15	10
Warrenton, ...	10	4	10	12	10	6	1.50	4	3	5
Washington, ...	30	45	75	95	130	65	12	25	25	25
Wilson, ...	12	2	10	12	10	8	2.50	8	2	7
—30	\$283	\$226	\$492	\$622	\$876	\$372	\$90	\$206	\$201	\$186

IV. PRESBYTERIAL REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS

FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1896.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	Enrolment.		Ave. Attend.		Scholars Admitted to Communion.	Contributions.	
	Teachers.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.		Own Expenses.	Other Purposes.
Aurora, ...	3	31	2	18	. .	\$6 00	. . .
Cann Memorial, . .	4	30	3	22	. .	22 84	\$9 25
Dover, ...	7	62	5	43	5	15 00	. . .
Geneva, ...	3	50	3	20	2	8 50	1 30
Goldsboro, ...	15	65	10	44	15	22 34	2 12
Georgetown, . . .	5	45	5	35	. .	15 00	. . .
Grassy Creek, . . .	2	20	2	15	. .	. . .	. . .
Henderson, ...	13	84	10	45	. .	22 02	31 00
Brookston, ...	10	54	7	40	2	12 50	22 20
Kinston, ...	5	20	. .	. .	. .	5 00	. . .
Knox (col.), ...	2	35	2	25	. .	. . .	. . .
La Grange, ...	6	41	6	35	7	18 17	. . .
Newbern, ...	10	65	9	46	3	44 95	31 90
Nutbush, ...	6	25	5	15	. .	9 75	. . .
Enterprise, ...	3	35	2	20	. .	. . .	. . .
Oxford, ...	7	70	5	42	4	31 06	19 55
Parmelee, ...	3	45	2	25	. .	12 41	. . .
Raleigh, ...	28	211	24	113	20	207 08	100 58
Rocky Mount, . . .	7	54	5	30	2	20 52	9 76
Strickland, ...	6	31	4	20	1	1 65	. . .
Tarboro, ...	9	55	9	45	3	25 81	5 50
Warrenton, ...	2	6	. .	. .	. .	. . .	. . .
Washington, ...	17	135	13	96	. .	60 21	70 11
—23							
Totals, ...	173	1269	133	794	64	\$560 81	\$303 27

V. STATISTICAL REPORT, APRIL 1, 1896

CHURCHES.	BY WHOM AND HOW SERVED.	Elders.	Deacons.	Added on Examination.	Added on Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Baptized Non-communicants.	HOME MISSIONS.				EDUCATION.			Invalid Fund.	Colored Evangelization.	Bible Cause.	Presbyterial Fund.	Pastors' Salaries Paid.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.	Value of Manse.	Rental of Manse.	
										Gen'l Assembly.	Synodical.	Presbyterial.	Church Erection.	Foreign Missions.	For the Ministry.	Church and Christian.										Orphans' Home.
Aurora, —	Johnston, Evang.,	1	1	1	1	2	28	1	3	5	85	84	4	12	2	2	4	4	2	2	2	4	1			
Cann Memorial over,	Supplied,	1	1	1	1	2	38	9	18	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	33	26	\$18			
Falkland,	J. B. Morton, Evang.,	4	4	11	9	38	9	18	18	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	33	26	\$18			
Geneva,	Wharton, Evang.,	9	9	23	5	68	13	23	23	12	78	40	1	25	7	7	11	5	5	6	150	50	24			
Goldboro,	Parries, P.,	9	9	23	5	191	13	5	10	12	78	40	1	25	7	7	11	5	5	6	150	50	24			
Grassy Creek,	Vacant,	3	3	1	1	5	191	13	10	12	78	40	1	25	7	7	11	5	5	6	150	50	24			
Henderson,	Supplied,	1	1	1	1	3	10	1	3	15	36	66	11	291	17	3	60	4	5	7	1000	501	163	\$3000	\$200	
Kinston,	W. D. Morton, P.,	6	6	3	4	139	2	4	115	15	36	66	11	291	17	3	60	4	5	7	350	682	167	1750	150	
La Grange,	Supplied,	2	2	15	6	99	9	1	12	10	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	32	240	18			
Littletown,	Thomas, Evang.,	3	3	1	1	2	23	6	6	10	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	32	240	18			
Louisburg,	Wharton, Evang.,	3	3	1	1	2	23	6	6	10	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	32	240	18			
Mackay's Ferry,	Vacant,	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	1			
Nahant,	Johnston, Evang.,	1	1	1	1	1	66	1	16	40	66	80	59	107	40	7	132	17	119	22	45	1000	582	685	2500	
Newbern,	Hines, Evang.,	3	3	6	2	6	135	1	3	40	66	80	59	107	40	7	132	17	119	22	45	1000	582	685	2500	
Norfolk,	Vardell, P.,	5	5	1	2	85	1	3	32	7	10	20	10	40	7	4	3	8	3	10	250	42	9	300	40	
Oak Hill,	Walker, P.,	2	2	7	3	34	4	1	18	2	2	9	1	10	8	1	1	5	5	6	141	6	6			
Oxford,	J. B. Morton, Evang.,	7	7	1	1	19	19	4	56	9	35	57	2	16	5	11	6	3	5	10	750	400	91	2500	150	
Parole,	Vacant,	7	7	1	1	135	5	4	56	9	35	57	2	16	5	11	6	3	5	10	750	400	91	2500	150	
Parole,	Hines, Evang.,	7	7	1	1	135	5	4	56	9	35	57	2	16	5	11	6	3	5	10	750	400	91	2500	150	
Raleigh,	Daniel, P.,	1	1	1	6	3	18	2	3	1	1	2	1	347	26	8	84	16	37	21	32	2000	2116		5000	300
Ranoka,	Hines, Evang.,	2	2	8	15	351	12	3	150	8	85	160	1	347	26	8	84	16	37	21	32	2000	2116		5000	300
Rocky Mount,	Thomas, P.,	2	2	8	15	351	12	3	150	8	85	160	1	347	26	8	84	16	37	21	32	2000	2116		5000	300
Shiloh,	Walker, P.,	2	2	8	15	351	12	3	150	8	85	160	1	347	26	8	84	16	37	21	32	2000	2116		5000	300
Strickland,	Supplied,	3	3	1	1	1	32	2	3	4	40	13	1	1	1	1	31	3	1	1	550	75	128	1500	150	
Tarboro,	J. B. Morton, P. E.,	3	3	4	3	8	11	1	44	15	14	32	1	92	7	43	5	5	3	1	20	950	155	65	2000	150
Warrenton,	Wharton, Evang.,	4	4	2	3	35	1	4	18	1	40	5	3	10	1	2	2	1	6	3	413	480	5	1000	84	
Washington,	Payne, P.,	5	5	1	5	192	1	5	98	62	60	90	27	142	65	10	74	30	25	45	10	1100	239	2500	200	
Wilson,	Supplied,	4	4	1	5	192	1	5	98	62	60	90	27	142	65	10	74	30	25	45	10	1100	239	2500	200	
Totals,		83	61	128	78	2007	70	49	628	\$183	\$108	\$594	\$121	\$1112	\$495	\$25	\$457	\$98	\$221	\$122	\$219	\$9745	\$9312	\$1607	\$22070	\$10241

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